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## **Achieving Navigation Systems Acceptable Levels of Risk**

# **Navigation Asset Management Optimizing the Nation's Investments**

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# Topics

- **Budgeting Process Goals**
- **Asset Management Approach**
- **System Performance**
- **Assessments and Process Uniformity**
- **Risk Levels**
- **Construction Investments**



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# Budgeting Process Goals

## Key goals...

- **System reliability & efficiency**
- **Program Integrity**
- **Optimized risk-based maintenance**
- **Optimized construction investments**



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# Budgeting Process Goals

## Key objectives...

- **Align with FYDP risk-reduction measures**
- **Recommend upon economic & life safety impacts**
- **Develop by major systems ORS & GL**
- **Prioritize by algorithm; verify by experts**
- **Tie budget to Acceptable Levels of Performance**



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# Asset Management Approach

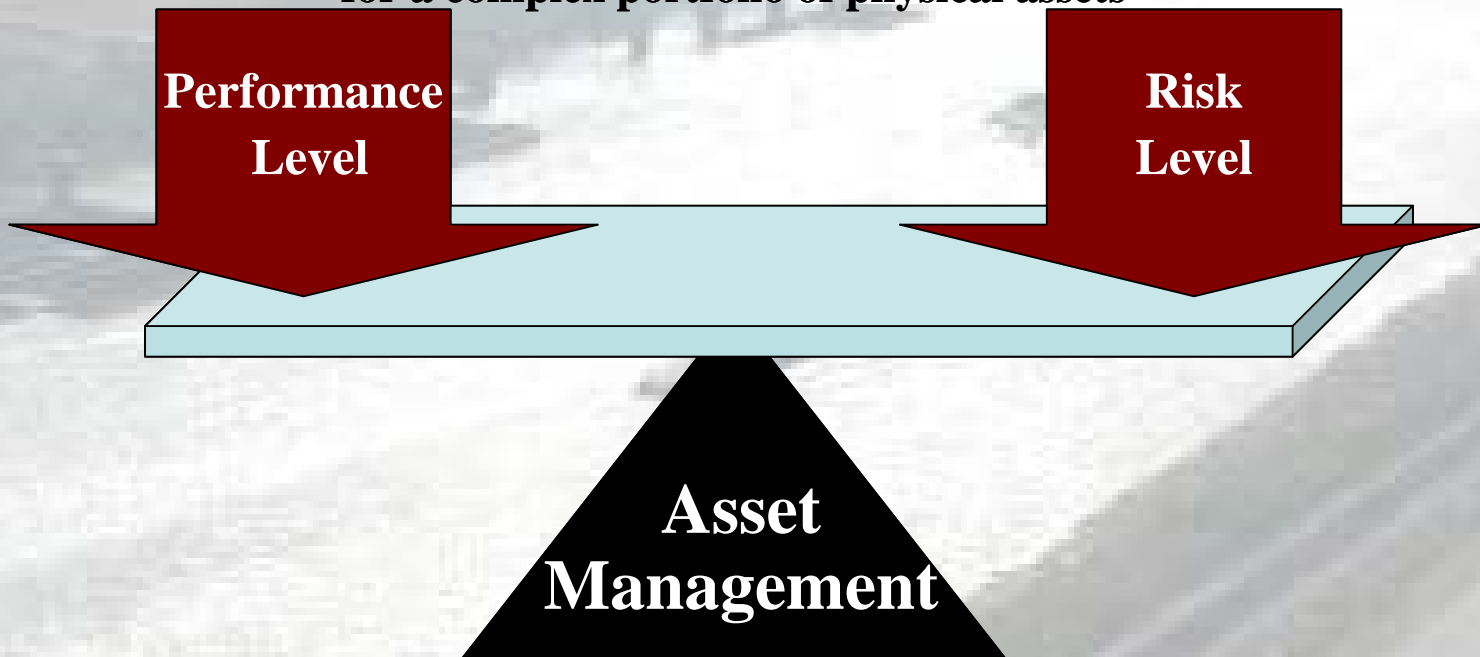
## Asset Management Goal

Optimize both the long-term and day-to-day performance,  
considering when to make investments,  
for a complex portfolio of physical assets

**Performance  
Level**

**Risk  
Level**

**Asset  
Management**





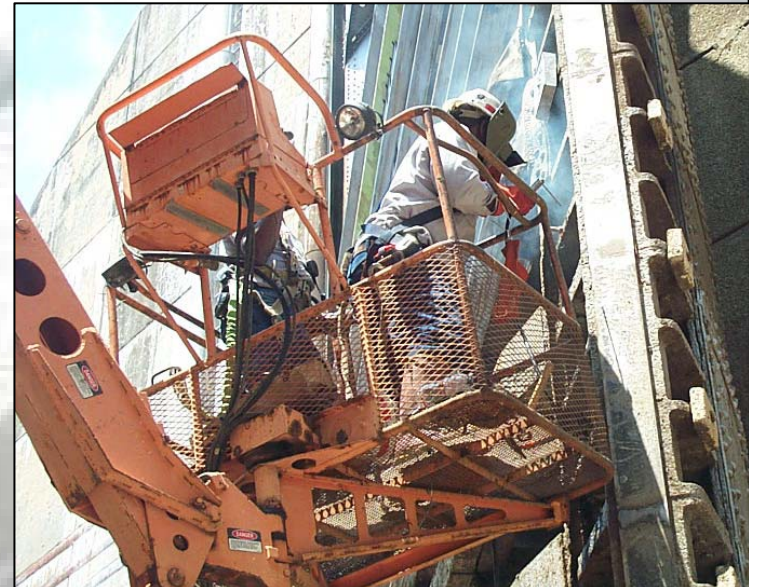
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# Asset Management Approach

**Investments to buy down risk...**

- Improve performance
- Reduce long-term costs
- Justify investments based on mission impacts
- Process driven by measurable metrics
- Maximize return on investment

**Miter gate repair**





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# Asset Management Approach

**Annual budget is integral with  
Five Year Development Perspective...**

- **One step to buy down risk**
- **Integrated with 5-year risk planning**
- **All Civil Works Infrastructure**
- **Budget is linked to System Performance**



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# Acceptable Reliability Performance Standards

**A**

**Virtually no compromise to authorized Federal project features accepted.**

**B**

**Minimal compromise to authorized Federal project features accepted.  
There is a small probability that degraded conditions may result in inefficient operations i.e., slower and/or more costly navigation operations.**

**C**

**Moderate compromise to authorized Federal project features accepted.  
There is a high probability that degraded conditions may result in inefficient operations, i.e., slower and/or more costly navigation operations.**

**D**

**Significant compromise to authorized Federal project features accepted.  
Closures of seven or more days are scheduled annually.**

**F**

**Extreme compromise to authorized Federal project features accepted.  
Closures of at least two weeks are scheduled annually.**

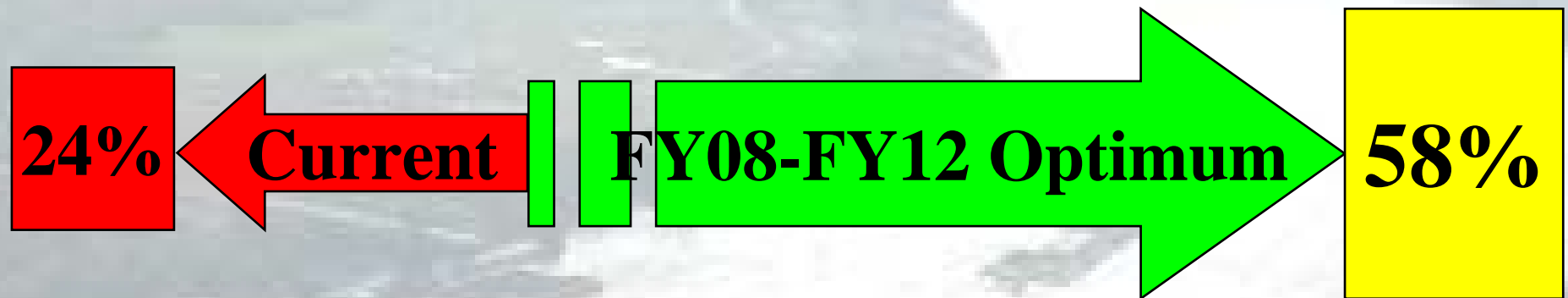




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# System Performance

**Ohio River Navigation performance...**



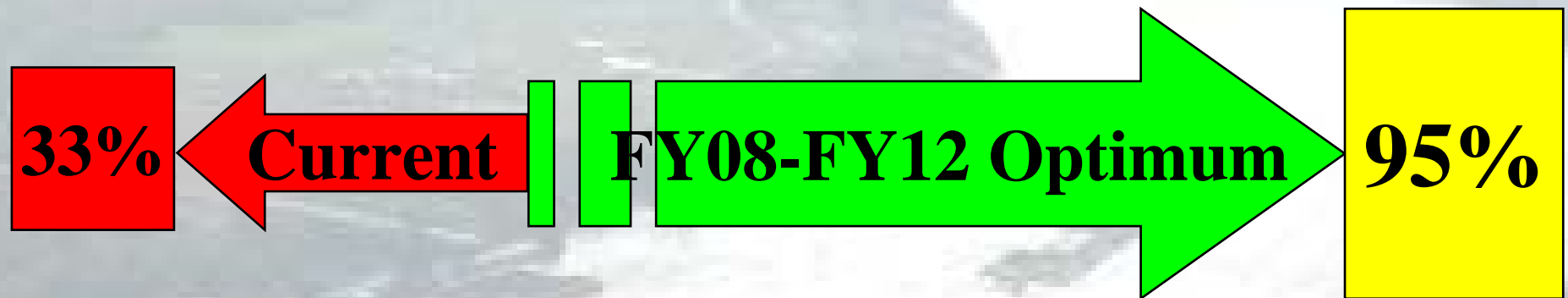
**With Optimum O&M funding FY08-FY12,  
Ohio River Navigation System project sites at  
Acceptable Performance Levels are predicted to be  
at least doubled**



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# System Performance

**Great Lakes Navigation performance...**



**With Optimum O&M funding for dredging,  
Great Lakes Navigation System project sites are  
predicted to reach Acceptable Performance Levels**



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# Economic Assessments

## **Journey to assess economic impacts...**

- **NED benefits incremental approach**
- **\$ due to days unscheduled lock unscheduled closure**
- **\$ due to depth of channel lacking due to shoaling**
- **Expenditures timing to preclude elevated risk**
- **More economics continuously planned ....**



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# Process Algorithms

**Uniformity of process...**

## INPUTS

Component / Activity

Condition Assessment

Economics



## OUTPUTS

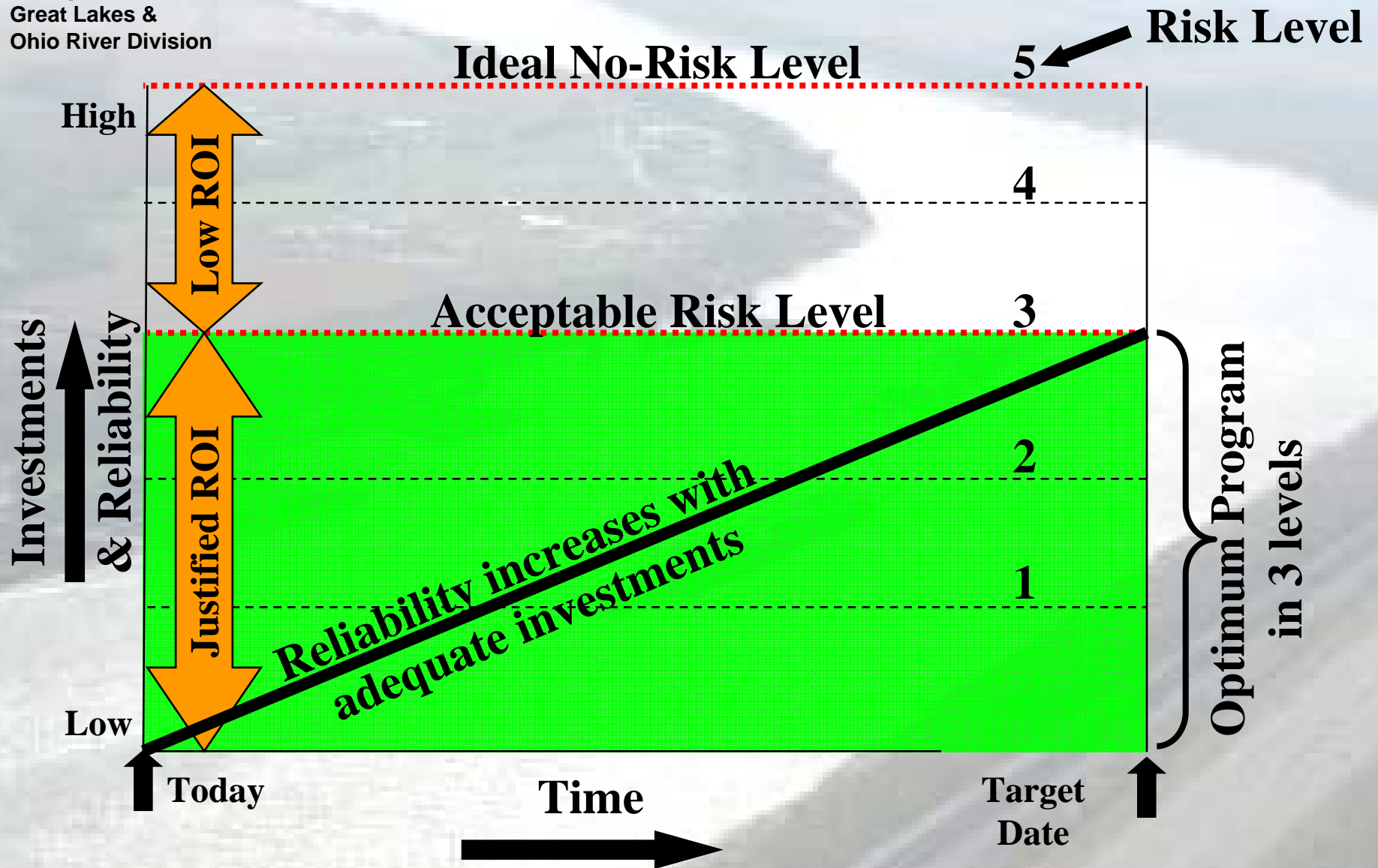
Prioritized failure risks

Economic Impacts



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# Risk Levels





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# Construction Investments

**Business model optimization...**

- **Lowest construction costs**
- **Shortest construction schedule**
- **Efficiently built infrastructure**
- **Benefits realized ASAP**
- **End-of-service life normal maintenance**
- **Uninterrupted construction start-to-finish**
- **Execution to cost and schedule**



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# Construction Investments

## **Business model issues...**

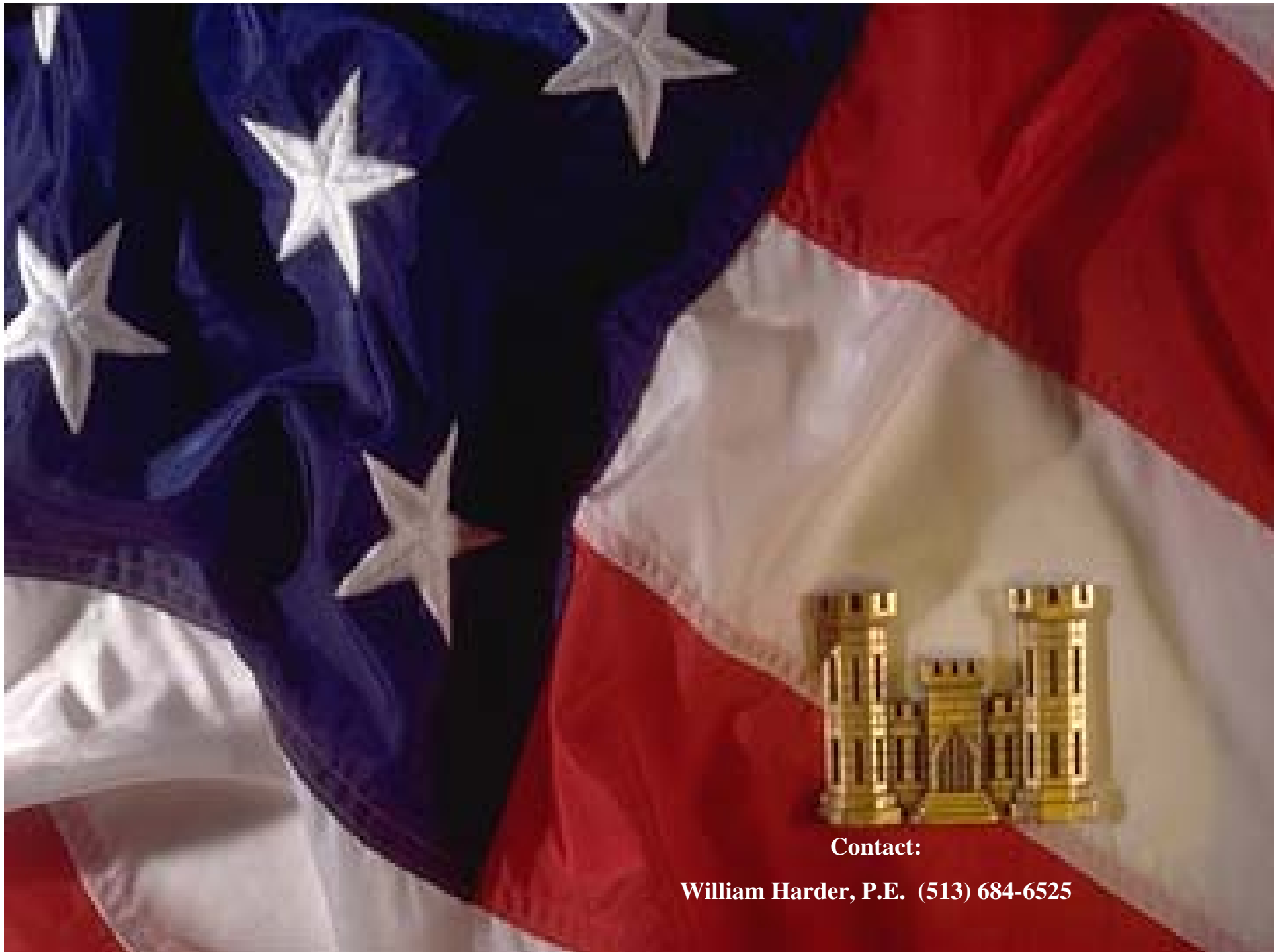
- **Delayed completions**
- **Escalated construction costs**
- **Foregone NED benefits**
- **Disruptions for CR funding delay**
- **Mismatched revenue – expenditure pattern**
- **Single-year contracting effects on schedule and cost**
- **Extended maintenance expense for replacements**
- **Unpredictable project workforce**



# **Key Emphasis**

- **Funding by previous year levels ignores risks**
- **Integrating systems = same risk-based approach**
- **Economic & condition assessments are essential**
- **Optimized construction business model**
- **Optimum Program = Acceptable Levels of Risk**





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